

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3578

INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

UNCLAS MANAGUA 2987

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PGOV, NU

SUBJECT: LERNOUX ARTICLE IN MIAMI HERALD

1. JUNE 22 MIAMI HERALD CONTAINS LERNOUX ARTICLE PICKED UP FROM WASHINGTON POST SERVICE. ONLY DIFFERENCE FROM POST ARTICLE IS REWRITTEN OPENING LEAD AND DELTION OF THREE PARAS BEGINNING QUOTE WHOLE DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT...UNQUOTE.

2. GON CUSTOMS WAS AWARE OF ARTICLE AND AFTER FIRST SEIZING U.S. NEWSPAPER SHIPMENT, DECIDED TO RELEASE IT TO LOCAL DISTRIBUTION AFTER BRIEF DELAY.

3. GON HAD ALREADY TAKEN A SWIPE AT LERNOUX IN SOMOZA FAMILY-OWNED NOVEDADES OF JUNE 15 BASED ON HER JUNE 13 ARTICLE IN WASHINGTON POST. EDITORIAL REFERRED TO HER QUOTE INCOGNITO UNQUOTE VISIT TO NICARAGUA, ABSENCE OF ANY OFFICIAL CONTACTS AND DESCRIBED HER AS MILITANT COMMUNIST. REFERRING TO REPETITION OF SAME HORROR STORY IN VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS SUCH AS MEXICAN EXCELSIOR, NY TIMES AND MIAMI HERALD, EDITORIAL IN NOVEDADES CHARACTERIZED STORIES AS UNCLASSIFIED

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LACKING THE MOST ELEMENTAL TRUTH, NAMES WERE NOT FURNISHED, ONLY GLOBAL FIGURES. IT ARGUED IN A SMALL COUNTRY LIKE NICARAGUA IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GENOCIDES OR MASSACRES TO TAKE PLACE OR ELSE EVERYONE WOULD KNOW. FURTHER, SAYS NOVEDADES, THE REPETITION OF THE STORIES INDICATED CAMPAIGN TO DUMP DIRT ON NICARAGUA BECAUSE REVOLUTIONARY GUERRILLAS HAVE FAILED.  
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